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Mills had closed down it was not because of labour troubles but for other reasons. We have given all help humanly possible to the industrialists. But the industrialists also should not exploit the earnest desire and the enthusiasm of the people of Malabar who wish to start new industries there. The capitalists should not start industries for profits alone. When compared to the labour unrest in Madura, Coimbatore and other districts the labour unrest in Malabar district is far less and I can give figures for that. I hope that by at least 1st November when the separation will take place whatever is possible will be done. I am grateful to the Hon. Minister for Finance who was kind enough to give the assurance that whatever is possible is being done.

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM: I do not agree that whenever some of these concerns were closed down these friends came forward anxiously to see that they were restarted again. But after conditions for the closing down of the factories have been brought about what is the use of blaming others for that? I have given my experience as to what is standing in the way of starting new industries in that district. Malabar is going to be their responsibility and it is not going to be my responsibility. It is up to them to see that sufficient number of industries are started there. It is no doubt true that labour should not be exploited. But if there are no industries at all there will be no place for labour. Therefore, the first thing is to see that industries are started and then they must see whether the rights of the labourers are properly safeguarded. It should not be at the cost of industries being closed down in which case it creates greater difficulties. This is what occurs to me. But if the hon. Leader of the Opposition may have some say with regard to even Kerala, he may advise the party in whatever way he likes. This is not a matter for controversy, but since the matter has been raised, I thought it was my duty to tell them what I feel about it. If they think I am wrong, it is for them to decide and they may take a right decision. But my own feeling is that sufficient number of industries should be started in Malabar and in the Kerala area and they should thrive. If they want to solve their problems, all the steps necessary for that purpose must be taken. Otherwise, we cannot solve the problems. It is only from that aspect that I have placed a few points. I may be wrong and I am not prepared to say that I am absolutely correct in everything. But I would request them to consider this aspect also and when final decisions are taken, they must be to the best interests of the Kerala State. 11-40 a.m.

V.—GENERAL DISCUSSION ON DEMANDS FOR GRANTS FOR EXCESS EXPENDITURE IN THE YEAR 1951-52.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: The next item on the Agenda is general discussion on Demands for Grants for Excess Expenditure in 1951-52.

Sri P. RAMAMURTHI: Sir, it will be futile to talk now about the expenditure that has been incurred in 1951-52, but I

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find that the major item relates to the expenditure that has been incurred in respect of the elections that took place in 1952. In this connection I may point out that nobody thought it necessary to bring to the notice of the Legislature the amounts that have been subsequently spent. I would like to point out to the Government that while the special allowances have been promptly paid to the officers who were on election duty, the accounts of some of the poor teachers who were appointed as poling personnel are yet to be settled. It is now four years since the elections were over but still we find that their accounts have not yet been settled. This is really a very sad state of affairs and this is exactly the thing which I would like to bring to the notice of the Government. Anyhow, I should like to point out a few instances. Some of the teachers who were appointed as polling clerks, etc., for the General Elections held in 1952 received Rs. 15 or Rs. 20 in advance for their travelling expenses to go to their respective booths to attend to their work. The advance amounts have been adjusted in their travelling allowance bills claimed by them and the amounts have been already recovered. But the District Board of Salem has made a cut in the salaries of some of the teachers for the month of July 1955 for the advance amount received by them. The Government have already adjusted the advance paid to them in their travelling allowance bills. This was brought to the notice of the District Board, Salem, but the teachers were instructed to get back the amount from the Treasury Deputy Collector, Salem, by producing the relevant records. As per the instructions, they submitted the concerned records to the Treasury Deputy Collector, Salem, but they have received an order L. Dis. No. 23562/55, dated 18th November 1955, from him stating that the claim was over one year old and could be admitted only after getting a non-payment certificate from the concerned sub-treasury and after the pre-audit of the bill by the Accountant-General, Madras. The poor teachers working in some remote villages have to undergo all these difficulties. The fault was not theirs. It was the fault of the district board who, in spite of the fact that this amount had already been adjusted in their travelling allowance bills, thought it fit to cut their salaries. Now they are asked to claim it back from the Government. This is a wonderful state of affairs. Therefore, I request the Government to look into the matter and see that these poor teachers are not put to trouble.

Again, there are some cases of teachers whose travelling allowance bills have not yet been passed even though the claim was made as soon as the election was over. I will read the names of those teachers :

(1) V. A. Sundaresa Ayyar, Ex-teacher, Board Elementary School, Fort, Namakkal.

(This teacher has already retired from service.)

(2) R. Ramaswami Pillai, Board Elementary School teacher, Fort, Namakkal.

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(3) G. Sheik Musthafa, Headmaster, Board Elementary School, Vettambadi.

(4) M. Ramaswami Pillai, Headmaster, Board Elementary School, Sellappanpatti.

The travelling allowance bills of these teachers are yet to be settled. Similarly, I find that there are nine teachers whose salaries have been cut by the district board. What I would like to suggest is that the Government should simplify the procedure. The procedure should not be such that the advances paid to them are recovered at two different points. At least there must be some adjustment between the Government and the district board. I would request the Hon. the Finance Minister to look into these cases and do the needful. I shall give a petition received from the Teachers' Union to him. Of course, a copy of this petition has already been sent to the Government.

(The hon. the Leader of the Opposition presented the copy of the petition received from the Secretary, the Namakkal Taluk Elementary School Teachers' Union, Sellappanpatti, Namakkal taluk, to the Hon. the Minister for Finance.)

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : I am glad that the hon. the Leader of the Opposition has brought this to my notice. As a matter of fact, this question of paying the allowances, etc., to the teachers and the other polling personnel has been a headache to me. But I hope, Sir, that we will be benefited by the experience we have had during the last elections and it will be possible for the Government to pass orders with regard to the payment of these allowances, simplifying the procedure. Hereafter it will not take as much time as it now takes. But in many cases the delay was due to the fact that the papers submitted for the purpose of claiming travelling allowance were found to be faulty and that took a lot of time. I shall see that during the next general elections the procedure is simplified and if necessary, the rules will be amended.

Sri Raja MUTHIAH CHETTIAR of Chettinad : Sir, may I request the Government to give an assurance that they will make arrangements for summary payments to these persons soon after the elections, authorizing some local officer to make the payments? I am glad that the Hon. the Finance Minister is attempting to settle the old accounts. For example, they may ask the Deputy Collector to pay the allowances within a week after the elections. I hope this will be done at least in the coming general Elections.

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : That is what I was saying. I would like to be benefited by the experience we had during the last general elections. I shall certainly look into the matter and simplify the procedure with regard to the payment of these allowances and see that the polling personnel are promptly paid. However, individual cases may always be there if some of

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these difficulties arise, but if they are brought to my notice, I shall try to see that the payments are made as early as possible. With regard to the individual cases now mentioned, I shall look into them.

VI.—GENERAL DISCUSSION ON DEMANDS FOR GRANTS FOR EXCESS EXPENDITURE IN THE YEAR 1952-53.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The next item is general discussion on Demands for Grants for Excess Expenditure in 1952–53. I find there is no hon. Member who wants to speak.

The House will now adjourn and meet again at 3-30 p.m.

The House then adjourned for lunch.

(After lunch—3-30 p.m.)

VII.—VOTING ON DEMANDS FOR GRANTS FOR FURTHER EXPENDITURE IN THE YEAR 1956-57.

(1) DEMAND I—LAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : On the recommendation of the Governor, I move—

"That the Government be granted a further sum not exceeding Rs. 6,00,000 under Demand I—Land Revenue Department."

MR. SPEAKER : The question is—

"That the Government be granted a further sum not exceeding Rs. 6,00,000 under Demand I—Land Revenue Department."

The Demand was put and carried and the Grant was made.

(2) DEMAND VI—MOTOR VEHICLES ACTS ADMINISTRATION.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : On the recommendation of the Governor, I move—

"That the Government be granted a further sum not exceeding Rs. 1,00,000 under Demand VI—Motor Vehicles Acts Administration."

MR. SPEAKER : The question is—

"That the Government be granted a further sum not exceeding Rs. 1,00,000 under Demand VI—Motor Vehicles Acts Administration."

The Demand was put and carried and the Grant was made.

(3) DEMAND XI—DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AND MISCELLANEOUS.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : On the recommendation of the Governor, I move—

"That the Government be granted a further sum not exceeding Rs. 39,900 under Demand XI—District Administration and Miscellaneous."